

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kawerak****Federal Tax ID: 920047009****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

## Kawerak - Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects

**State Funding Requested: \$12,000,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: Statewide (1-40)****Brief Project Description:**

Construction and improvements of community multi-purpose buildings

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$12,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2023 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$12,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

1. Construction of community multi-purpose buildings in Shishmaref, Gambell, Shaktoolik, Elim and Teller. These communities do not have community multi-purpose buildings/centers. It became apparent during the pandemic, that limited community space was available for residents who were displaced or needing to quarantine and who needed additional space for health/medical monitoring. With Multi-use community facilities, Kawerak and Norton Sound Health Corporation can jointly coordinate efforts to assist with any food distribution, monitoring of people/patients for temperature, blood pressure and obtain covid tests/self-testing or efforts to assist residents during the pandemic with available health supplies (masks, cleaning supplies). Community buildings that could facilitate multi-use and multi-purpose are needed in these communities to address any present or future emergency needs from the pandemic or other natural/man-made disasters. In addition, multi-purpose buildings are used as learning centers for residents to access regional or statewide services they may qualify for or to enable education and workforce development.

2. Improvements of existing buildings and tribal offices where efforts to promote work, education and health/wellness are delivered. Many of the structures in the region were built in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Due to the extreme weather and exposure, facilities require improvements in weatherization and energy efficiency. Due to the rising cost of heating fuel and utilities, our facilities need to be made energy efficient. In addition, we have sites where boilers, heating systems or air exchange systems are continually having maintenance issues. During the winter this can lead to further issues (frozen pipes) and expense. Additional insulation, energy efficient windows, and outside siding would lower heating costs and improve the structure. In addition, locating appropriate sites for satellite computer dishes on existing facilities, is needed to help further digital connectivity.

**Project Timeline:**

FY23-28

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Kawerak

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No